

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,  
745 SECOND STREET, LA SALLE, IL.  
7:00 P.M., TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2012**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT**

Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb,  
Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

**ABSENT**

None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Herndon that the minutes of the rescheduled regular city council meeting held at 6:00 P.M. Tuesday, March 6, 2012 are accepted and placed on file; each and every alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

**PETITIONS**

The presentation by NCICG regarding strategic planning will be later in the meeting.

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Demes that the request from the LaSalle-Peru Zonta Club for a 2012 Raffle License is granted. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that Ameren Illinois is granted permission to break ground at 1074 Creve Coeur Street to replace broken emergency valve. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Edgcomb that the request for resident only parking sign for two spots at 146 8<sup>th</sup> Street is referred to the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee for study and a recommendation. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that members of the LaSalle-Peru Township High School spring musical are given permission to have a tag day collection at various businesses in the City of LaSalle on Saturday, March 31, 2012. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Edgcomb that the request for a handicapped parking spot at the northwest corner of Joliet and 1<sup>st</sup> Streets as well as

further discussion regarding the handicapped parking spot in front of the Knights of Columbus building at 209 Gooding Street, and also a request for stop sign at the intersection of 6<sup>th</sup> and Union for traffic going north/south are all referred to the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee for study and a recommendation Voice vote all ayes; motion carried. Alderman Bacidore then scheduled a meeting of the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee for 6:45 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Edgcomb that the request for a masonry waiver from Cissell Mueller Company for a project in the 500 block of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street is granted.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Edgcomb, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: Alderman Ptak, Lavieri. Motion Carried.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Schneider that the request for a variance regarding off street parking on a portion of lots 8, 12, 13, and 14 and regarding part of the north portion of city right of way on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and a portion of the west part of city right of way on Gooding Street, and a portion of the southern part of the alley diamond all within block 93 all part of the original town of the City of LaSalle and related matters is referred to the Zoning Board of appeals for study and a recommendation.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that the commencement is begun regarding the process regarding vacation and/or otherwise transferring a portion of the city right of way on the north side of 3<sup>rd</sup> street and the west side of Gooding Street abutting Block 93 and a portion of the southern part of the alley diamond in block 93 all part of the original town now City of LaSalle and related matters including but not limited to any necessary easements.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Herndon that the request regarding re-subdividing and re-platting of a portion of block 93 within the original town, now City of LaSalle is referred to the Planning Commission for discussion and recommendation.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Edgcomb and seconded by Alderman Ptak that the request from Dan Irvin of the Hegeler-Carus Foundation for permission to break curb at 1255 Seventh Street to place a 24 ft. wide driveway at that address is granted. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Edgcomb that Nora Fesco-Ballerine is allowed to address the council. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Ms. Fesco-Ballerine said she has prepared a resolution regarding submission of an application for a Planning Grant to the State of Illinois. The city applied for this grant several months ago. It was released under the IKE Disaster Recover Fund. This is to do comprehensive planning for the City, including capital improvements planning, city-wide trails plan, including landscape/architect look down town, doing a sub plan on the downtown area and making concept plans. This is a 100% grant. The grant amount is up to \$104,994.00. Clerk Kochanowski said that the Resolution No. 201205 was actually authorized and passed at the March 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Mayor Grove announced that the City did get a demolition grant for the Matthiessen School building. Funding will not be released until sometime in May. Ms. Ballerine said it was unusual to get money for a project like this and it's a unique opportunity. Mayor Grove thanked Ms. Ballerine of NCICG as well as all those in the city who have been involved with the grant process.

### **REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS**

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that the Police Income Report for February 2012 showing total fees collected of \$18,022.23 is accepted and placed on file; each alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Herndon that the Illinois Valley Food Pantry's quarterly report for December 2011 to February 2012 is accepted and placed on file; each alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Mayor Grove said he had received a communication from Golbal Canine Working Dogs which recognized LaSalle police officers Kurt Martin and James Strand for their participation in a recent training seminar. Mayor Grove thanked the officers for representing the city well, and congratulated Police Chief Uranich also.

### **STANDING COMMITTEES**

### **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Alderman Herndon asked Alderman Bacidore if there is anything new to report regarding the Kaskaskia Hotel. Alderman Bacidore said nothing yet, but he will be contacting Carus to see if they can start painting again.

Mayor Grove reported that grass clippings/yard waste pick up will be starting Monday, April 2, 2012. The biodegradable brown paper bags will be picked up every Monday in the entire city. Residents will need to put a pink sticker on each bag and cost of those stickers is \$2.00 each. Residents will need to call Illinois Valley Waste at 1-866-875-

2293 to be put on a pick up list. The residents need to call even if they were on the list last year.

Mayor Grove thanked the residents for passing the electric power aggregate plan. The City will need to have a couple of open public hearings before anything further is done.

Mayor Grove asked to clarify some reference to the prior engineering firm, King Engineering, involved in Rotary Park. Mayor Grove said he thought it might have been mistaken that there were some issues with the previous engineering firm, but the Mayor wanted to clarify that throughout the whole process, Ed King and King Engineering has been very good to the city, even moving forward with RHMG, they have given materials and background information they had to keep the process moving forward.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Alderman Ptak addressed the proposed road project for Malcolm Avenue. He said he is in favor of doing street work but he has some issues with Malcolm Avenue. He said if we add curb and gutter on that road we are “opening a can of worms.” Several aldermen agreed, and wanted to study the proposed road project and in particular the Malcolm Avenue project. Alderman Ptak suggested a special assessment for residents that would allow them to pay a portion of the cost for curb and gutter over a period of years.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Schneider that the discussion and possible action regarding the 2012 road project be tabled until the council members have an opportunity for further study and discussions. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Alderman Schneider offered his congratulations to the Mayor, LPAC and others for a fantastic St. Patrick’s Parade. It was extremely well attended and appreciated by the Citizens of LaSalle.

Supt/Dir Sam McNeilly offered his congratulations to Street Foreman Eddie Olszewski on his retirement from the city after 34 years.

### **ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS**

7:45 P.M. Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Edgcomb that the council goes into executive session regarding pending and/or potential imminent litigation and related matters and collective bargaining negotiations with FOP, Fire Department Union and AFSCME and related matters.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: Regarding pending and/or potential imminent litigation and related matters and collective bargaining negotiations with FOP, Fire Department Union and AFSCME and related matters**

8:32 P.M. Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that the Executive Session is adjourned and the council returns to the regular meeting.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried.

### **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Bacidore that bills submitted totaling \$361,854.93 (Payroll \$150,515.09; bills to be paid \$60,761.74 bills paid \$150,578.10) be accepted, paid and placed on file; each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that the meeting be adjourned. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

**ADJOURNED 8:35 P. M.**

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Virginia Kochanowski Clerk